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No rowdies reported with UFC 115

UFC 115 did not attract rowdies as feared, Vancouver police said yesterday. Fans were well behaved and no incidents of note were recorded in connection with Saturday night's event at GM Place. Afterwards, many fans continued celebrating at the Granville Entertainment District where officers said they dealt with the "usual alcohol-fuelled disturbances." METRO VANCOUVER

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News in brief

ASSAULT Two men returning to their downtown home were allegedly repeatedly punched after confronting a couple of men urinating near the entrance to their home, police said yesterday. One man was taken to hospital after Saturday night's incident; the other was treated at the scene.

DEATH A 59-year-old man is dead after a two-vehicle accident in Vancouver. Police Const. Jana McGuinness said the man was killed Saturday afternoon when the car he was driving crossed the centre line and collided with another vehicle. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Lucie Landry, left, one of the organizers of the Downtown Eastside street market, sells her goods on the sidewalk on Hastings Street East yesterday.

Hopes are high for DTES street market

New council looking to legalize Sunday gatherings

KYLE FARQUHARSON
for Metro Vancouver

Residents of Vancouver's Downtown Eastside are hoping a new street market in their neighbourhood will catch on — and eventually be legalized.

The plan, according to members of the newly formed Downtown Eastside Neighbourhood Council (DNC), is to provide a venue for locals to sell consignment goods, wares and food items every Sunday afternoon, in order to supplement their incomes.

For future market gatherings, the DNC plans to apply for vending permits as an organization to save individual vendors the cost of application. Yesterday, however, vendors had to sell at the risk of being ticketed.

> **"I think (because of this market) we'll see less crime in this neighbourhood, and people might look at us a little differently."**
> Lucie Landry, vendor

Lucie Landry, a vendor and member of the DNC, said she believes the Sunday market will provide Downtown Eastside residents with a means to build a sense of camaraderie, restore their dignity and feel good about themselves.

"I think (because of this market) we'll see less crime in this neighbourhood, and people might look at us a little differently," said Landry.

The DNC is also pursuing a legally mandated "Bill of Rights for Binners," which would allow individuals to search through rubbish containers for potentially useful discarded items, store the items and sell them.

No deaths after landslide strikes 5 homes: Officials

DESTRUCTION A landslide in southern British Columbia that struck several homes with a massive wall of mud, rocks and debris does not appear to have claimed any lives, officials confirmed late yesterday.

Allan Patton, regional director with the District of Okanagan-Similkameen, said searchers have accounted for all the residents who it's believed were living in the homes affected.

"Somebody might be walking a dog or something that we don't know about, but as far as the residents in the area are (concerned), there's no issues there, nobody's been hurt," Patton told The Canadian Press.

Damage estimates varied wildly in the hours after the slide hit, but RCMP said approximately five homes were struck at about 2:20 p.m. local time near Testalinden Creek, just south of Oliver, B.C.

Patton said the homes that were hit were destroyed. "Walls down, unsalvageable."

Patton said between 25 and 30 homes neighbouring the slide area were put on evacuation alert.

RCMP said a mountain slope on the western side of the valley gave out, destroying several homes and structures before burying the highway and spilling into the creek. The highway was buried in up to four metres of mud.

RCMP said Environment Ministry officials were assessing the cause of the slide. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Grits urged to follow Lekstrom's example in fight against HST

TAX Anti-HST campaigners are urging other Liberal MLAs to follow Blair Lekstrom's "integrity and courage" and speak up against the looming harmonized sales tax that takes effect in 17 days.

Lekstrom resigned from the Liberal caucus on Friday, giving up his cabinet post as the minister of energy mines and petroleum resources.

"I fundamentally disagree with the direction our government is headed on the HST," the Peace River South MLA said of the 12 per cent tax that combines the PST and GST. "I believe it would be prudent to bring the move toward the HST to a halt and immediately engage British Columbians in a dialogue about our taxation policy."

Former B.C. premier and Fight HST leader Bill Vander Zalm said Lekstrom's actions show "he is listening to the constituents who elected him as an MLA." METRO VANCOUVER

Petition

- Anti-HST campaigners say 4,985 people in Blair Lekstrom's riding signed their petition – that's 471 more than the number of people who voted for him in the last election.

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Province takes aim at unhealthy stadium food

B.C.'s arenas and stadiums should offer fans more healthy food choices like lean chicken and tuna salads and less cookies and french fries, the provincial government says. To that end, the Ministry of Healthy Living and Sports has issued a set of guidelines it hopes food service providers will abide by that limit junk food to 20 per cent of the menu. METRO VANCOUVER

Old support, newcomers hit the park to fight diabetes

RAGNAR HAGEN
for Metro Vancouver

CHARITY A new venue attracted old supporters and many first-timers to yesterday's 2010 TELUS Walk to Cure Diabetes.

Rita Thodos, regional manager for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, said the event was moved to Queen Elizabeth Park this year to accommodate the increasing number of participants.

She estimates that as many as 4,000 people took part.

"This is a great turnout," Thodos said. "Its' been lots of fun for the kids with activities, food and the walk itself."

The goal was to raise $650,000 for research into Type 1 diabetes.

Last year's top fundraising team, Jack Of Hearts, named after a child diagnosed with juvenile diabetes at age five, were recognized for their efforts.

History

- The first Walk to Cure Diabetes was held in 1995.

Thumbs up for Lions' new home

JEFF HODSON
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With their team in Regina playing the first of two preseason games yesterday, several thousand B.C. Lions faithful got a sneak peak at Empire Fields and their seats for the upcoming football season.

"I'm really impressed," said Stu McBride, who was among those decked out in orange and black.

"It's a good size. I'm closer to the field and considering how quickly they put it up, I'm impressed with the job they did."

The temporary stadium at Empire Fields at the PNE in East Vancouver will be the home of the Lions and the MLS Whitecaps while a new roof is installed on B.C. Place.

JEFF HODSON/METRO VANCOUVER

John Poruks, left, and John Peterson survey Empire Fields in East Vancouver yesterday.

Rex Bohachewski, a season ticket holder for the past 18 years, said he'd never been to an outdoor game before and was looking forward to it.

The open house featured Felions, face-painting and even autograph sessions with veteran players like Geroy Simon and Paris Jackson.

Veteran defensive lineman Brent Johnson was among those getting a first look at the field.

"It's going to be nice to have a stadium with some intimacy to it, you can interact a bit more with the fans," said Johnson.

More info needed before resort gets green light

BUILDING The company planning a massive Whistler-like resort near Squamish will have to provide more information about the environmental effects of the project before the province gives it the green light.

Garibaldi at Squamish Inc. wants to build more than 21,000 residential and commercial bed units, two golf courses, 25 ski lifts and 123 runs. It also plans the construction of five large dammed reservoirs and roads leading to the Sea to Sky Highway.

While the project has been criticized by environmentalists, its planners say it will generate thousands of jobs. METRO VANCOUVER

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Jury finds against serial killer

COURTS A jury has convicted a Vancouver-area serial killer of four counts of first-degree murder.

Charles Kembo was charged in the deaths of his wife, girlfriend, stepdaughter and a business partner between December 2002 and July 2005. Following the verdict, Judge Sunni Stromberg-Stein told Kembo he was a "predator" who exploited the trust of the people closest to him. She said she hopes he is never released from prison. THE CANADIAN PRESS

News in brief

CRIME A 15-year-old Victoria boy will appear in court today after being arrested for allegedly threatening people with a large knife, including holding it against a man's throat. Responding officers used pepper spray before wrestling the knife away.

WORK MISHAP A 34-year-old Victoria man is in stable condition after being partially run over by a cement mixing truck in an industrial incident, West Shore RCMP said. WorkSafe B.C. is investigating.

BODY DISCOVERED Two fishermen discovered a body in a rural area east of Kelowna. So far Mounties say there are no clues as to the gender or age of the victim found in McCullough Lake.

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Habs to pay for their fans' passion?

The City of Montreal intends to do something about the Canadiens' unruly crowds during their Cinderella run in this year's NHL playoffs. The city's finance committee has made operating budget recommendations that would effectively make the hockey club pay for the extra policing required to control frenzied fans. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Canada

Lennon tape? Bidders just let it be

A 14-minute tape recording of a 1966 Beatles news conference in Toronto did not find a buyer yesterday. The two reels up for auction feature John Lennon responding to questions about his statement that the Beatles were more popular than Jesus. The auction house, Los Angeles Bonham and Butterfields, estimated the artifact would fetch between $20,000 to $25,000. The auction house didn't say what will now happen to the recordings. THE CANADIAN PRESS

The toxicity of our city

Investigation sheds light on spills of toxic chemicals

Far more sewage has been spilled in Canadian urban centres over the last six years than any other harmful contaminant, newly released figures show.

An analysis by The Canadian Press reveals hundreds of millions of litres of sewage, as well as many other dangerous liquids, have been dumped right under Canadians' noses.

The analysis looked at spills in the metropolitan areas of Vancouver, Toronto and Montreal, as well as the cities of Edmonton, Calgary, Regina, Saskatoon, Winnipeg, Ottawa, Hamilton, Windsor, Ont., Quebec City, Fredericton, Moncton, N.B., Saint John, N.B., Charlottetown, Halifax and St. John's, N.L.

The database lists 6,555 spills in those parts of the country since 2004. Some spills are minor, while others run over hundreds of millions of litres.

The most frequently spilled contaminants are petroleum products — 3,596 spills, or about 55 per cent of all entries.

The database contains 538 sewage spills. That's eight per cent of all spills in the database. While sewage doesn't appear as often as other contaminants, more of it is spilled each time.

Little is known about a 116-million-litre sewage spill in Richmond on Dec. 20, 2009. The responsible party, reason, source and clean-up time are not given.

The government database cites another 64-million litre sewage spill in the Vancouver area on July 5, 2009, at the Lions Gate wastewater treatment plant.

But Metro Vancouver officials dispute Environment Canada's reporting of the spill. Paul Lam, the municipality's wastewater treatment plant division manager, said the spill was not of sewage but rather treated effluent, or wastewater.

He said a ruptured valve in the plant's chlorination system was to blame.

"That resulted in the release of 64 million litres of treated, but unchlorinated, effluent," he said. "So that volume of discharge had been treated through the plant." He said environmental testing found no ill effects. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Polluters meet their NEMISIS

- The never-before-released information has been kept in a classified government database called NEMISIS (National Enforcement Management Information System and Intelligence System). Federal enforcement officers use NEMISIS to go after polluters.
- It took The Canadian Press two and a half years and a complaint to the information commissioner to pry the data from Environment Canada under the Access to Information Act.
- The news agency then created its own spills database using the government information, which covers the period from January 2004 to April 2010.

Pageant **Out for her ads**

CARLOS OSORIO/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Sophie Froment, 20, was kicked out of the Miss Universe Canada pageant after it was revealed she had appeared in racy commercials for the Ashley Madison website, which promotes extra-marital affairs.

After accomplishing little, MPs prepare for their summer vacation

PARLIAMENT One of the most unproductive sittings in Canadian legislative history is sputtering to an end.

MPs are preparing to head home for the summer, having spent six months locked in furious debate over the vital role Parliament should play in a healthy democracy.

But amid all the wrangling and rancour, there's little sign that Parliament has actually done much work.

And there's little hope for improvement when Parliament resumes in the fall after a 12-week hiatus.

Consider the record of accomplishment so far this year:

As of yesterday, only two appropriation bills — important but routine pieces of legislation that ensure the government has money to operate — had received royal assent after winning approval from both the House of Commons and Senate.

A handful more — including an all-party brokered compromise on refugee reforms and a massive, omnibus budget implementation bill — might yet become law in a last-minute flurry of activity. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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News in brief

VICTIMS Swiss officials say the two Canadians killed in a weekend bus crash were a couple from Ontario. A 71-year-old man and his 67-year-old wife died in the accident in southern Switzerland, but officials declined to provide their names. Swiss authorities also said that 13 Canadians are still being treated in various hospitals in the region. They expect six of the patients will be well enough to be released today. A group of 48 Canadian tourists were on a bus that went off the side of a road and ended up on its side Saturday. The accident happened outside the village of Reckingen in the region of Valais, near the capital Bern. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Air India inquiry results to be made public this week

TERRORISM A quarter-century after the worst terrorist attack in Canadian history, a federal inquiry is set to deliver a belated verdict on what went wrong — and what can be done to ensure that another such tragedy never takes place.

The report on the Air India bombing, expected to be presented to Prime Minister Stephen Harper and made public Thursday, is the product of nearly four years of work by former Supreme Court justice John Major and a staff of lawyers and researchers. Air India Flight 182 was brought down on June 23, 1985 by a terrorist bomb stowed in the luggage compartment. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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The feds are selling what?

Who wants to buy some superhero pyjamas? What about a diamond ring or a damaged car? Underwear? Going once, going twice, sold! — by the Canadian government.

An online auction site run by the federal department of public works is a treasure trove of seized and surplus goods sold to the highest bidder with a credit card for bargain prices.

The government launched its online auction site in January 2009 in order to boost sales by reaching a broader audience than through the traditional auctions it had previously relied on.

A spokeswoman for the public works department said the site generated roughly $14 million in sales last fiscal year and a quick perusal of the list of goods on offer reveals the money is being spent on much more than just office furniture.

Recent browsing has revealed musical instruments — including a tuba and a set of harmonicas — diamond-studded jewellery going for far less than the appraised fair market value, a wine opener kit, a hair clipper set, a Cartier watch and a 1994 Lincoln Town Car to be sold only for parts.

The public works spokeswoman was unable to say who ended up buying them or even why they were being sold.

"Due to privacy laws, the identity of all (auction site) buyers is protected," Tricia Van Der Grient wrote in an e-mail.

The website has replaced traditional auctions but the public works department has yet to achieve its goal of moving beyond a "closed" bidding system, which does not post the highest bid until the auction has closed.

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Somebody wanted that?

- A box of Superman pyjamas for kids — 14 pairs of sleeveless tops — sold for $75.
- A trio of cotton briefs for toddler girls imprinted with characters from the Care Bears sold for $15.01.
- A large-sized, petit fit vest covered in faux fur and fake leopard print with a patent "pleather" waist belt, seized by the Canadian Border Services, sold for $31.23.

Canadian to take part in inquiry into flotilla raid

GAZA Israel has asked Canada's former top military lawyer to help investigate its attack on a Gaza-bound aid flotilla.

A statement from the Israel government says one of two foreign observers for a proposed inquiry would be retired Brig. Gen. Ken Watkin, Canada's former judge advocate general.

Watkin served as a Canadian Forces legal officer for more than 25 years and has been involved in various inquiries arising from the 1994 genocide in Rwanda. Watkin is also known for his involvement in the Afghan detainee transfer issue currently boiling over on Parliament Hill.

Foreign affairs minister Lawrence Cannon welcomed Israel's decision to set up the independent commission, saying Watkin's career makes him well-suited to participate.

"Canada fully supports an impartial, credible and transparent investigation."
Lawrence Cannon

"Canada fully supports an impartial, credible, and transparent investigation into the tragic incident," said Cannon in a statement released yesterday.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

News in brief

INFRASTRUCTURE The federal government is trying to come up with ways to protect millions of dollars worth of vulnerable infrastructure and coastline, years after it was urged to adapt to the effects of climate change. Ottawa has solicited a study on how some of the 1,000 small craft harbours that are critical to the fishing industry could be affected by rising sea levels, storm surges and a loss of shorefast ice — all linked to climate change.

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China plans massive reconstruction project

China will spend $4.7 billion US on reconstruction of a remote Tibetan region after an earthquake in April devastated the area, the country's Cabinet said yesterday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

World

Brazilian party nominates candidate

Brazil's ruling party has nominated Dilma Rousseff, left, President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva's former chief of staff, as its candidate in October's presidential election. If she wins, Rousseff will become Brazil's first woman president. The 62-year-old economist has promised to extend the social and economic programs that have made Silva popular. The star of yesterday's convention in the capital of Brasilia was Silva himself, who told participants he was confident Rousseff would win. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

19 confirmed killed in flood

ARKANSAS Anxious family members toured the campground yesterday where their loved ones were staying when they were swept away by a flash flood, allowed to see for themselves the steep terrain that made escaping the rising water in darkness so difficult.

About 20 people from two families were brought to the site. Rescue commanders helped the families find their loved ones' campsites and to gather mementos. As the search went from one of rescue to recovery, 19 people had been confirmed killed in the pre-dawn Friday flood.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Egypt **Protest against brutality turns violent**

BEN CURTIS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Prominent Egyptian opposition leader Ayman Nour, centre-right, raises his finger as he wrestles his activist son Noor Ayman back from police who were trying to drag him away at a demonstration against police brutality in Cairo yesterday. Security forces yesterday attacked hundreds of demonstrators protesting the death of a young man in the port city of Alexandria.

75,000 flee

More than 100 dead, shoot-to-kill order issued after Kyrgyzstan riots

Mobs of rioters slaughtered Uzbeks and burned their homes and businesses in Kyrgyzstan's worst ethnic violence in decades, sending more than 75,000 members of the ethnic minority fleeing the country in attacks that appeared aimed at undermining the Central Asian nation's new interim government.

More than 100 people were killed in southern Kyrgyzstan and more than 1,200 wounded in days of attacks, according to government estimates yesterday. The true toll may be much higher.

The International Committee of the Red Cross said its delegates witnessed about 100 bodies being buried in just one cemetery, and noted that the official toll is unlikely to include bodies still lying in the streets.

Fires set by rioters raged across Osh, the second-largest city in Kyrgyzstan, as triumphant crowds of ethnic-majority Kyrgyz men took control. Police or military troops were nowhere to be seen in the city of 250,000, where food was scarce after widespread looting and the few Uzbeks still left barricaded themselves in their neighbourhoods.

The rampages spread quickly to Jalal-Abad, another major southern city 70 kilometres from Osh, and its neighbouring villages, as mobs methodically set Uzbek houses, stores and cafés on fire. Rioters seized an armoured vehicle and automatic weapons at a local military unit and attacked police stations around the region trying to get more firearms.

"We saw lots of dead."
Ziyeda Akhmedova

Some refugees were fired on as they fled to Uzbekistan. They were mostly elderly people, women and children, with younger men staying behind to defend their property.

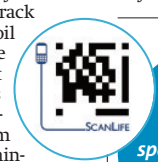
Many of the more than 75,000 refugees arrived with gunshot wounds, the Uzbekistan Emergencies Ministry said, according to Russian reports.

"We saw lots of dead. I saw one guy die after being shot in the chest," said Ziyeda Akhmedova, an Uzbek woman in her 20s at one of several camps hastily set up in Uzbekistan along the border.

A government order for troops to shoot rioters dead failed to stop the spiraling violence. Police and the military appeared to be on the defensive across the south, avoiding clashes with mobs. Flights to both Osh and Jalal-Abad were cancelled and the airports were closed. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Underwater sensors deployed into Gulf

OIL SPILL Undersea sensors were being deployed to a ruptured well in the Gulf of Mexico yesterday in an effort to better track the amount of oil gushing into the sea, the Coast Guard said, as pressure mounted on BP from the Obama administration to create special accounts that would set aside billions of dollars to pay for spill-related claims. New estimates say the blown-out well could have been spewing as much as 7.6 million litres of crude a day. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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Trail paved with good intentions

With the arrival of summer imminent, you can bet that legions of cyclists and power-walkers will soon be crowding our seawalls and urban pathways in a bid to get fit and enjoy the great outdoors. Politicians and planners, inspired by downtown Vancouver's busy seaside stroll, are also hoping to duplicate that success in other parts of Metro Vancouver.

To that end, three municipalities in the North Shore, along with First Nations governments, have committed to the Spirit Trail — an ambitious bike and pedestrian route that will hug some of Burrard Inlet's northern coastline and ultimately connect the communities of Deep Cove and Horseshoe Bay.

While it may not have the initial visibility of a new stretch of blacktop, or a hulking bridge, it is one of the smartest infrastructure projects to hit the North Shore in years.

Why? Because in car-obsessed North and West Vancouver, there are too few options for getting around by foot or two-wheeler. Besides, this route opens up some incredible waterfront to folks from across the region.

One of the earliest proponents of the Spirit Trail was City of North Vancouver Mayor Darrell Mussatto. His vision for the trail has translated into several impressive stretches of the circuit — including the Squamish Nation Waterfront Greenway near Lonsdale Quay. In addition, new work has begun on a hefty length of trail that will traverse the historic Moodyville neighbourhood.

But let's not kid ourselves. This is still the North Shore we are talking about. And many of the locals are unsurprisingly out for blood in the wake of what Mussatto and others are promoting as progressive change.

One such critic is North Shore News columnist Trevor Lautens, whose journalistic prose can be as poetic as it is persuasive. The West Vancouver writer recently derided one trail construction site in an admittedly bucolic part of the district as "the greatest act of political-bureaucratic-commercial vandalism of its place and time." Lautens certainly did not mince words after that initial grenade. "I suspect the Spirit Trail project is a hard-boiled money venture wrapped in a soothing outdoorsy package with pretty ribbons," he wrote.

And I suspect Lautens will eventually have a change of heart — if only because this venture will inevitably win over the public as more of it is built. In the meantime, however, hard feelings — not hard bodies — will be the result of this ultimately worthwhile venture.

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Worth mentioning

Kicking back to watch games may slow productivity

Even down on the Toronto stock market floor, amid a flurry of multimillion-dollar trades, the TVs are tuned into the World Cup.

It's just one effect of the planet's biggest sports tournament, a month-long phenomenon that a U.K. study suggests could cost billions in lost productivity around the world.

Others challenge the notion. They argue the World Cup could actually benefit some economies — depending on which team wins and how much fans shell out for the celebration.

While there may be a debate about the economic bottom line, there is no disputing the soccer frenzy sweeping across workplaces as people around the world return to the office today.

In Honduras, the government is giving 200,000 public employees time off during the tournament to watch the national team play. Politicians have even urged private businesses to follow their lead.

In Canada, a senior strategist for TD predicted international productivity would dip during World Cup matches.

Millan Mulraine couldn't think of any empirical research done on the topic, but last Friday, with many TVs on the Toronto trading floor showing soccer, he expressed confidence about his hunch.

"In this environment, normally you would be watching business news," Mulraine said.

"But given that the World Cup is on now live, I think that's what everyone's tuned into ... even at work.

"I've taken a few glances at it while working, so I can testify to the fact that, yes, productivity will likely decline during events."

A director at Scotia Capital in Toronto told the Wall Street Journal that many traders took Friday off to watch the start of the tournament. The paper reported that during Friday's games the New York trading volume was at its lowest point in two months.

In the soccer-mad U.K., more than 50 per cent of 687 managers surveyed last month by the Chartered Management Institute worry their employees may be distracted by discussions about the World Cup.

The institute estimates that lost hours of productivity could cost more than $1.4 billion — to the British economy alone.

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The price of lunch with billionaire investor Warren Buffett has topped $2 million again, breaking a previous record for the most expensive charity item ever sold on eBay. The final price of $2.6 million was announced Friday night after the auction. The amount is even pricier than the $2.11 million bid in 2008's Buffett lunch auction. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Business in brief

LISTERIA A Winnipeg food processor is recalling its pre-cooked meat products after an Alberta customer raised concerns about possible contamination with listeria bacteria. Smith's Quality Meats, which sells in provinces from British Columbia to Ontario, has voluntarily pulled a wide variety of its products from shelves. "All cooked products are in the process of being removed from store shelves," Smith's spokesman Andy Van Patter said. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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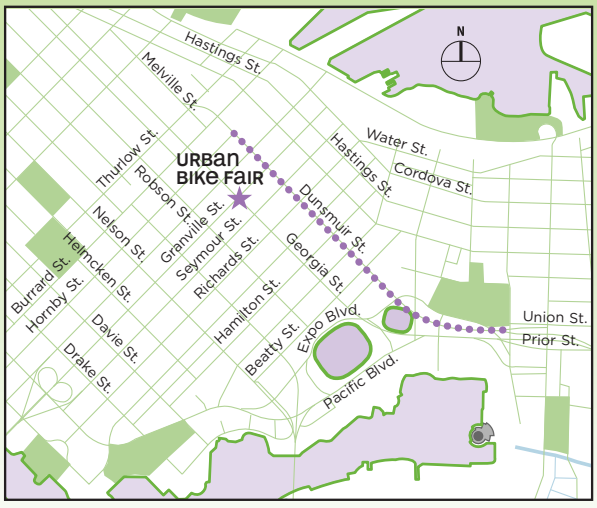

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Soccer Embracing the world

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A girl poses yesterday at a shopping mall in Johannesburg, South Africa, with hand-carved wood statues of soccer players of teams participating in the World Cup.

New rules shake up real estate

One firm promises to post your home on the Multiple Listing Service for a penny. Another boasts that it's cheaper to use lawyers than realtors. A third encourages agents to bid on listings to see who might offer the best prices and services.

At least half a dozen new innovative Canadian companies have been launched in the wake of a decision by the federal Competition Bureau to challenge the rules of organized real estate.

This has not sat well with traditional realtors, who see their industry under attack. The newcomers are being characterized as upstarts offering more hype than service. But they say the old rules don't apply anymore.

The winners so far are consumers in what has been an unprecedented spring awakening for the normally stodgy world of real estate marketing.

"The old system was too rigid. I love competition because you have to be dynamic and creative," said realtor Dawson Pereira. "I have been waiting a long time for this, people finally get to choose."

Last month Pereira launched his new brokerage touting a one-cent listing service. The former Re-Max agent charges an up-front fee of $600 to list a property on the Multiple Listing Service, a key database of homes that account for the vast majority of sales in Canada.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Monopoly ends

- Since the Competition Bureau declared war on the Canadian Real Estate Association's monopoly on the MLS earlier this year, emboldened realtors have launched new schemes that challenge the status quo.

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Going Green

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The right way to greener living

Eco-habits are made with best intentions, but survey says some are bad from the start

A sweeping new survey of Canadian environmental habits reveals most Canadians aren't as green as they think they are.

The second annual Green Gap Index highlights striking differences between what we say we do, and how we actually behave.

It also concludes that this perception gap is growing.

"Canadians have a great desire to be green, but they are struggling," says Nick Cowling, vice-president of Optimum Public Relations, which co-conducted the survey with Summerhill Group.

"They are looking for more guidance from the corporations, brands, government and employers," he says.

• See survey results at www.summerhillgroup.ca/greengap/2010May31_Green_Gap_Index.pdf

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How many reusable mugs did you see at Starbucks today?

Consumer habits

Where we're wrong: "Seven out of 10 Canadians said they use a reusable drinking container all or most of the time," Cowling notes. "And yet, if you're in line at the Starbucks or Tim Hortons, no one's holding one."

How we can improve: Reusable cups! Also, Cowling sees some interesting disconnects in Canadian buying habits. "A strong majority of Canadians — 80 per cent — will donate clothing or other things," he says. "But less than 20 per cent … buy gently used goods."

Fuel efficiency

Where we're wrong: The survey says 85 per cent of Canadian drivers believe they are driving fuel-efficient cars — ones that burn no more than 8.3 litres of gasoline per 100 kilometres.

The problem? There simply aren't that many fuel-efficient vehicles on our roads.

How we can improve: "About 50 per cent are opting for public transportation instead of driving, and it's a much younger demographic," Cowling says.

"Canadians don't tend to look at things that are a bit more of a financial stretch, like buying carbon offsets when you do air travel. Twelve per cent, or less, consider it."

Energy use

Where we're wrong: A smaller gap here. The survey says Canadians have greater awareness of energy efficiency, but only participate in actions that do not require any real change or effort in their existing behaviours.

How we can improve: Cowling says we're already doing it. "Almost three-quarters of Canadians said they are using less energy than they did last year," he notes. "I think that's because this is an area that has a big effect on their wallets.

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Players pick ump who blew call as best in baseball

Jim Joyce was voted the best umpire in Major League Baseball in a poll of 100 players conducted by ESPN the Magazine last week. Joyce made national headlines when he missed a call at first base that cost Detroit Tigers pitcher Armando Galarraga a perfect game on June 2. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Sports

Hamilton wins in Montreal

Polesitter Lewis Hamilton, left, regained the lead on the 50th lap and cruised to his second straight Formula One victory at the Canadian Grand Prix yesterday in Montreal. McLaren Mercedes teammate Jenson Button was second. Hamilton, who took over the lead in the F1 drivers' standings with the win, posted his second victory in three appearances at Circuit Gilles-Villeneuve. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Lions rally to defeat Riders

CFL EXHIBITION

Lions 19 **Eskimos** 17

Sean Whyte kicked a 33-yard field goal in the fourth quarter to help the B.C. Lions rally for a 19-17 pre-season CFL victory over the Saskatchewan Roughriders yesterday afternoon.

With Saskatchewan up 17-16 in the fourth quarter, Lions quarterback Travis Lulay drove B.C. to Saskatchewan's 25-yard line to set up Whyte's game-winning field goal at 12:02.

Lulay played most of the game for B.C. and finished 13 of 23 for 142 yards.

The Lions came out roaring early on when Jason Arakgi blocked a Louie Sakoda punt three minutes into the game. Lions quarterback Casey Printers connected with Steven Black for a 15-yard touchdown two plays later. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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NBA FINALS

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Boston 92 L.A. Lakers 86 (Boston leads series 3-2)

End of the line for Liddell?

UFC legend's career may be over after knockout by Franklin

What could be the first in a long run of UFC cards in Vancouver was probably the last fight of Chuck (the Iceman) Liddell's legendary career.

Dana White, the UFC president, was thrilled with the support Vancouver showed for UFC 115 Saturday night and plans to return to the West Coast. A sold-out crowd of 17,000 at GM Place produced a gate of $4.2 million US.

"We will definitely be back," proclaimed White. "No doubt about it."

The excitement the charismatic White felt about the Vancouver debut was tempered by a sense of remorse that Liddell's career probably ended when he was knocked out by Rich (Ace) Franklin with just five seconds left in the first round of their light heavyweight main event.

Liddell, the former world light heavyweight champion, has lost five of his last six fights, four by knockout.

White said it's time for the 40-year-old Iceman to hang up the gloves.

"I hope he agrees and I don't think he won't," said White. "Chuck has been with me longer than we have owned this company.

"I love him and care about him as a person and a friend."

Franklin was fighting with a left arm broken by a kick about two minutes into the fight. The former math teacher from Cincinnati used a vicious right hook to crumple Liddell, then delivered another punishing blow while he was laying on the canvas.

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A bloodied Chuck Liddell, left, fights Rich Franklin during UFC 115 in Vancouver on Saturday.

The win earned Franklin $85,000 US for knockout of the night and put him in the mix for a shot at the title. It also left him feeling a little hollow.

"Chuck and I are friends," said Franklin, 35, who had his arm in a sling and covered with ice after the fight. "I don't want to be the guy labelled as the person that put him out of the sport. I don't like the thought of that."

Vancouver fans, who had waited a long time for UFC to come to town, seemed satisfied with the show. The 11-match card attracted mostly young men, but many women and even some children were in the crowd.

Music loud enough to send ripples through the water in the bathroom toilets throbbed through GM Place. The more vicious the fight, the louder the cheers.

Just a few months ago, the arena hosted the gold-medal hockey game of the 2010 Olympics. On Saturday night, blood splattered the floor of the octagon and scantily dressed women paraded around the ring.

White called the night a success.

"I'm satisfied, very satisfied," said White. "It was a great night of fights." THE CANADIAN PRESS

Hospital

- Chuck Liddell was taken to hospital after the bout. He was released later in the evening, a UFC official confirmed yesterday.

Gasol AWOL as Celtics grab lead in finals

(Celtics lead series 3-2)

Lakers 86 **Celtics** 92

Pau Gasol finally got the ball with a chance to shoot, and Kevin Garnett sent it back at him.

A few minutes later, the same thing happened.

Gasol was little more than a spectator of the Kobe Bryant show in Game 5 of the NBA finals last night. And if he doesn't become part of the offence again, he might be watching something else: Another Boston Celtics celebration at the Los Angeles Lakers' expense.

The forward from Spain either couldn't get himself involved or the Lakers wouldn't involve him. Gasol got only four shots in the first half and finished with 12 points on 5-of-12 shooting in the Celtics' 92-86 victory that gave them a 3-2 lead in the series.

Even worse for the Lakers, he looked passive and pouty, getting overwhelmed by Garnett and often complaining to the officials, just as he did when the Celtics beat the Lakers in the 2008 final.

Bryant was superb in the third quarter, scoring 19 points on a series of long jumpers. But that's not going to beat the Celtics, who are prepared to deal with big nights from Bryant as long as nobody else has them. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Police intervene in wage protest staged by stadium stewards

Armed riot police charged into a crowd consisting of hundreds of stewards at a World Cup stadium early this morning. The stewards had gathered to complain about their wages. There was no immediate word of any injuries or arrests at the protest. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

FIFA World Cup

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Slovenia slips by Algeria for first World Cup win

GROUP C RESULTS

Slovenia 1 **Algeria** 0

VS

SOCCER Hey England and America, look who's on top of your World Cup group. Little Slovenia!

Robert Koren scored a late goal Sunday to give Slovenia a 1-0 win over 10-man Algeria in the teams' tournament opener, putting the World Cup's smallest nation ahead of the United States and England in Group C.

The Slovenian captain struck a long-range shot Algeria goalkeeper Fawzi Chaouchi misjudged and allowed into the net in the 79th minute.

"I was just lucky to see it go in like that," Koren said.

Algerian coach Rabah Saadane said the new World Cup ball was a challenge for goalkeepers.

"Everyone saw what happened with the ball, and what happened yesterday with England's goalkeeper," Saadane said.

Algeria substitute Abdelkader Ghezzal was ejected seven minutes earlier, picking up a second yellow card for handling the ball inside the Slovenian penalty area.

It was the first World Cup victory for Slovenia. The Balkan country lost all three of its matches in the 2002 tournament.

"It was a mental victory," said Slovenian coach Matjaz Kek. "We wanted to win so much, so it's great for our confidence to get that win."

Both sides knew they were heading into a match in which a loss would be costly, with England and the United States left on the schedule. The Group C favourites tied 1-1 Saturday after a blunder by England goalkeeper Robert Green allowed Clint Dempsey's shot to trickle into the net.

Algeria coach Rabah Saadane said Chaouchi apologized to the team for failing to track Koren's shot. But the coach refused to criticize the goalkeeper. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WORLD CUP RESULTS

GROUP A

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pt
Mexico	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
South Africa	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
France	1	0	1	0	0	0	1
Uruguay	1	0	1	0	0	0	1

FRIDAY RESULTS

South Africa 1 Mexico 1
Uruguay 0 France 0

GROUP B

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pt
South Korea	1	1	0	0	2	0	3
Argentina	1	1	0	0	1	0	3
Nigeria	1	0	0	1	0	1	0
Greece	1	0	0	1	0	2	0

SATURDAY RESULTS

South Korea 2 Greece 0
Argentina 1 Nigeria 0

GROUP C

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pt
Slovenia	1	1	0	0	1	0	3
England	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
U.S.	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
Algeria	1	0	0	1	0	1	0

YESTERDAY'S RESULT

Slovenia 1 Algeria 0

SATURDAY RESULT

England 1 U.S. 1

GROUP D

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pt
Germany	1	1	0	0	4	0	3
Ghana	1	1	0	0	1	0	3
Serbia	1	0	0	1	0	1	0
Australia	1	0	0	1	0	4	0

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Ghana 1 Serbia 0
Germany 4 Australia 0

GROUP E AND F
TODAY'S GAMES

Netherlands vs. Denmark, 5:30 a.m.
Japan vs. Cameroon, 8 a.m.
Italy vs. Paraguay, 12:30 p.m.

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Germany's Cacau celebrates after scoring during the World Cup Group D soccer match between Germany and Australia at the stadium in Durban, South Africa, yesterday.

A beautiful victory

GROUP D RESULTS

Germany 4 **Australia** 0

VS

For one night, the Beautiful Game belonged to Germany.

Known more as a methodical team than a creative one, the Germans scored several lovely goals last night in a 4-0 rout of Australia.

Germany scored twice in each half and Tim Cahill was sent off as the three-time champion surged to the top of Group D at the World Cup.

Lukas Podolski and Miroslav Klose scored in the first 30 minutes as Australia coach Pim Verbeek's defensive tactics backfired, and Thomas Mueller and Cacau added the others against an overwhelmed Australian defence.

"We earned respect for ourselves," Klose said. "It was hugely important to win the first game, but nothing is won yet. We're a young team and we have fun playing."

Cahill was red-carded in the 56th minute for a late challenge on Bastian Schweinsteiger.

The dominant win, played in front of 62,660 fans at the Moses Mabhida Stadium, came without injured captain Michael Ballack.

"I think the way we set up our attacks is something we've been working on intensively," Germany coach Joachim Loew said.

"But we've also worked on how we play off the ball — to move into unused space. We were very good on the ball tonight, and we created beautiful goals."

Australia now has a mountain to climb if it is to move on, especially as it will be without Cahill in its next match, against Ghana on June 19. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Strong starts

- Germany has not lost an opener in the World Cup since a 2-1 defeat in 1982 against Algeria.

Italy coach not making predictions

GROUP F PREVIEW

Italy vs. **Paraguay**

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SOCCER Italy coach Marcello Lippi didn't make any bold predictions before the Azzurri's World Cup victory four years ago in germany, and he wasn't about to change his ways before today's opener with Paraguay.

"I didn't tell you four years ago before Italy-Ghana that we were going to present you with (an) epic month," Lippi said yesterday, referring to the 2-0 win in 2006 that set the tone for the Azzurri's title run.

Marcello Lippi

"Great teams are born at big tournaments and grow game by game. Hopefully, we'll start off well tomorrow night and grow from there."

Lippi called the skepticism surrounding his aging squad "normal."

Italy has appeared confused in recent friendlies and Lippi still appears uncertain over his lineup, especially with key midfielder Andrea Pirlo out with an injured left calf.

"I can't deny that certain injuries have prevented me from carrying out a few experiments, but there's no doubt the squad is ready," the coach said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Italy's goalkeeper sympathizes with Green

Italy goalkeeper Gianluigi Buffon backed England counterpart Robert Green yesterday after Green's massive blunder gave the United States a 1-1 draw with England at the World Cup. Buffon said Green's mishandling of a slow 25-metre shot was something that could happen to anyone. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

FIFA World Cup

A win for a continent

GROUP D RESULTS

Ghana 1 Serbia 0

SOCCER The first World Cup in Africa has its first African winner.

Asamoah Gyan scored on an 84th-minute penalty yesterday as Ghana stunned Serbia with a 1-0 victory in Group D. The win set off celebrations not only on the Loftus Versfeld pitch, but across all of Africa.

"That's what you're seeing," Ghana midfielder Stephen Appiah said. "This is the first time the World Cup is held in Africa, and all Africa is united."

After the final whistle, the Ghana players ran across the field in jubilation, some carrying national flags as they received applause from a crowd that pretty much made them the home team.

IAN WALTON/GETTY IMAGES

Asamoah Gyan of Ghana scores a penalty yesterday during a World Cup Group D match between Serbia and Ghana at Loftus Versfeld Stadium in Pretoria, South Africa.

"Every African is behind us," Gyan said. "I salute all you guys. We win this match for you."

And for the folks back home. Large crowds gathered on major streets in Accra. Cars draped in the national flag swarmed the roads, and some drivers honked their horns while others sang.

"The Black Stars have started what the African countries in the tournament have not been able to do so far by winning a match," 15-year-old viewer Inusah Gariba said. "We have taken the lead and hopefully an African team — preferably Ghana — would come out tops in the final."

That's a long way off. In the opener for both teams, Zdravko Kuzmanovic needlessly handled a cross in the area, and then argued the call and the yellow card he received. Gyan drove the penalty kick high to the left for the only goal.

Previously, Ghana missed a series of headers. John Mensah and Gyan missed the target and Dede Ayew headed against the goalpost.

The fast-moving Ghanaians created more chances and could have been ahead by halftime.

Central defender Mensah headed a free kick wide of the far post and Gyan failed to reach a left wing cross by Kevin-Prince Boateng as the Serb defence struggled against well-directed balls into the middle.

Serbia's only real threat near the end was a shot by Milos Krasic that was brilliantly saved by Richard Kingson.

"For sure, this is a big blow for us. To start a World Cup with a defeat is a bad thing," Serbia coach Radomir Antic said.

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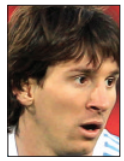
Humble Messi praises teammates after victory

ARGENTINA Lionel Messi has been one of the highlights of the World Cup so far, but the modest Argentina forward thinks his teammates deserve much of the credit for the team's opening win.

"This team doesn't just depend on me," Messi said yesterday, a day after his dazzling display helped Argentina overcome Nigeria 1-0. "There are many players who can determine a match. I depend on the midfield to bring me the ball, and they were able to do that yesterday — and so I was able to capitalize."



Lionel Messi

Messi tormented the Nigerians, but neither he nor any other Argentina player managed to extend the team's early lead. Messi was repeatedly thwarted by Nigerian goalkeeper Vincent Enyeama.

"Things went well for me," said the soft-spoken 22-year-old, the reigning FIFA world player of the year.

Next up for Argentina on Thursday will be South Korea, who also kicked off the tournament with a victory, beating Greece 2-0 on Saturday.

Messi described the South Koreans as "strong and fast," but believes the Argentines only need to worry about their own form.

"It's about what we do," he said, "We are our own rivals."

Messi, who received a bear hug on the pitch from coach Diego Maradona after the match, said the players are thrilled to be playing for the Argentine legend.

"He's one of us and means a lot to the group," Messi said. "He's always close and he too was a player, so he knows what we're going through. He gives us a lot of confidence." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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UBC increases entrance averages

According to published reports, the vast majority of students applying to the University of British Columbia's Vancouver campus this fall will need at least an A average, the highest marks ever required at the institution. UBC's faculty of arts now requires an 85 per cent or higher average for admission. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Workology

Man charged over terrorism hoax

A Montreal man faces a charge of perpetrating a terrorist hoax and another of public mischief relating to a threat last year that targeted John Abbott College, a Montreal CÉGEP. The RCMP reports that Montreal police and the college received a letter in May 2009 warning of a potential terrorist attack. An investigation revealed the letter was a hoax and the alleged attack was unfounded.

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Is a sports team worth it?

A career in sports economics may change your view of the home team

RICHARD WOODBURY
for Metro Canada

With a strong desire to bring an NHL franchise to cities like Winnipeg and Hamilton, there is often talk of the economic benefits the teams would bring to the communities. It's Brad Humphreys job to tell people the disheartening news.

"I've got to basically tell people all the time, 'Well, I'm sorry if these people have told you that a new hockey team in your community is going to be really beneficial economically. There's no evidence to support that and it's a money-losing proposition for the local community and only a money-making proposition for the team owner and players," says the sports economist who teaches at the University of Alberta.

His 10 years of research indicates this is true for all sports.

Sports economics is a relatively new branch of economics, which takes economic principles and uses them to analyze issues in sports, such as the economic impact of hosting large sports events like the Olympics or the economic impact of having a professional sports team.

In Canada, there are only a handful of sports economists and becoming one is not a short process, with a PhD in economics being only a basic requirement.

When he tells people what he does, he says they're intrigued. This is because "sports cuts across all dimensions of society and provides people with a common shared experience," he says.

Not every area of economics has its own section in the newspaper, he adds.

With the recent hosting of the 2010 Winter Olympics in Vancouver, a lot of talk was about the economic benefits it would bring to the city and province.

The bad news is the Olympics have poor track records for this.

"It's almost certainly not beneficial for a local economy," says Humphreys. "It probably costs a lot more than whatever return you get back out of it."

The Olympics are expensive to host because of the specialized facilities and enormous security costs.

While many may think that bringing a sports franchise into their city will mean an economic boom, sports economist Brad Humphreys say this is not so. In fact, when he heads to his local ball park, all he can think about is how much money was lost on the facility.

Other problems can crop up as well, such as the Athletes Village fiasco in Vancouver.

"That blew up on them," he says, adding that taxpayers are now on the hook for the facility.

Humphreys is no longer the sports fan he once was and this is because of his profession.

"Once I started doing this research on public subsidies for professional sports facilities, it kind of made me less of a sports fan," says the one-time Baltimore Orioles season ticket holder.

Humphreys used to be able to admire a ballpark for its structure and beauty, but "now when I go to a ballpark, all I can think about is, 'Well, how badly did local government get hosed out of money when this facility was built?'"

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Sporting events in Canada

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If you're lost, these pups will find you

OddJobs

Diane Peters

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Michelle Limoges has a great day job. She's worked for the Alberta Research Council for 30 years. She runs special events for the Edmonton-based organization.

Limoges, 59, is planning to retire next year.

Her other gig, meanwhile, will probably start taking up even more of her time.

Originally from Ontario, Limoges moved out west with her first husband in the late 1970s. They got a Doberman together and after the divorce, Limoges took the dog.

She met her second husband at a dog show; he was a policeman who was also a Doberman owner. When her show dog ran out the door one day and ended up at pound, she decided to do some obedience training.

She and the dog enjoyed the challenge. With her next pet, she began doing tracking.

Then, a tornado hit Edmonton in 1987. Observing how important the search and rescue efforts had been during the disaster, Limoges and a group of five other dog owners decided to try it. They got hold of the training standards for a group in British Columbia and began learning.

Michelle Limoges and her dogs, Parquetta and Tyndre.

Every Sunday, they'd meet at a semi-demolished building in downtown Edmonton. They'd hide friends in the rubble and send the dogs to find them.

When the dogs found their targets, they'd get their favourite toys to play with as reward.

Along with the weekly group session, Limoges and her dog would go out many nights of the week, doing training exercises.

The group began calling itself the Search and Rescue Association of Alberta and became a non-profit organization. As the secretary for the organization, Limoges spends part of her evenings — after she's been out training — doing emails and writing newsletters or guidelines.

The group now has good relationships with local police and the RCMP and get invited out to real searches in the Edmonton area.

It's often to search for a senior with Alzheimer's. In recent years, Limoges and her group have been training for human remains recovery — her dog Parquetta has a knack for this.

At the search, the police hand out maps, and Limoges uses a compass and a GPS to orient herself. She and her dog take frequent breaks and can go for hours. Some searches are out of town; one lasted two days.

The group gets called about a dozen times a year.

Calls can come anytime. Limoges has an understanding with her employer and will leave if she's not in the middle of an important event.

"I've had lots of parties and things ruined. We do all this training, so when the call comes I say, sorry, I gotta go."

Diane Peters once hawked magic pens at the Canadian National Exhibition. She's now a writer and part-time journalism instructor.

The Lowdown

Job title: Search and rescue dog handler
Salary: None, volunteer job
Education/training Ongoing training by following association guidelines
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Former FNUC employee sentenced for theft of university funds

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This year we all need a vacation

With the official start of summer vacation season just days away, workers are planning to take time off and they are feeling more at ease about it.

According to CareerBuilder, more than half (56 per cent) of workers say they are more in need of a vacation in 2010 than they have been in past years. Additionally, 36 per cent say they feel more comfortable taking a vacation in 2010 than in 2009 due to an improving economy.

Many workers have vacations on their radar screens and are planning to be away from the office longer. Sixty-four per cent of workers say they have already taken or plan to take a vacation this year, up from 2009. Nearly one-third of workers say they won't be taking a vacation this year, with 21 percent indicating they still can't afford it.

More people are indicating that they have already taken, or plan to take, a vacation this year over last.

But, taking a vacation may not mean being completely unhooked from the office. Nearly half (49 per cent) of employers say they expect employees to check in with the office while they are away. One-quarter (25 per cent) of workers say they plan to contact the office at least once while on vacation, regardless of what they are working on.

"It is good news that workers' anxiety around taking vacation time appears to be lessening this year compared to last," said Rosemary Haefner, vice-president of human resources at CareerBuilder. "Utilizing time off to recharge batteries is even more important today as staffs have shrunk over the last 18 months."

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Rosemary Haefner of CareerBuilder

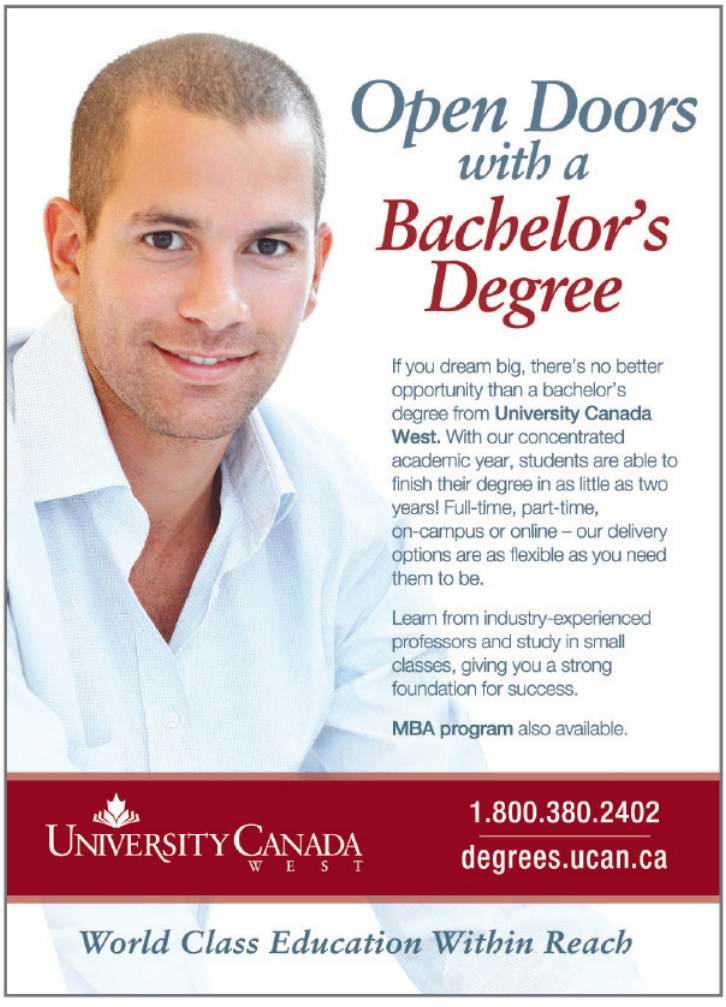
Some vacation tips:

Get it on the calendar today: Today companies are operating with smaller staffs and having more than one person out of the office can negatively impact productivity. Be flexible and work with your co-workers to schedule vacation time before booking anything.

Train a co-worker: Before you leave, start recording important information, key contacts and any deadlines that will come up while you are gone and give it to a coworker who you have trained to fill in for you while you are gone. Remember to return the favor to the coworker, when they take vacation.

Schedule a set work time while on vacation: While it's best to leave the office at the office, if you must do work, set limits and boundaries for yourself and your co-workers. Don't let activities on vacation be interrupted by work.

Lead by example: If you are a supervisor, you should go through all the steps of planning and executing a successful vacation away from the office. That way, your workers will be more comfortable doing the same. METRO NEWS SERVICES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Underemployment rampant as recession recovery continues

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But instead of a promotion, the company for which Cummings had been an assistant manager for more than three years cut his hours so drastically that he had to take a second job. In March, he was laid off, and his part-time second job became full-time.

That is how a 40-year-old father of four with a master's in business administration from the University of Notre Dame finds himself bagging groceries at a local health-food store.

"I never thought I'd be here with the education that I have and that I'd worked hard on," Cummings said before a recent shift in the checkout lane. "Probably where the frustration comes most is when I get the alumni magazine and I see what my classmates are doing. And that's not a good feeling."

The U.S. government says the "Great Recession" is over — has been for months now — and that we're well into the recovery. But don't tell that to Cummings, who has seen his income cut by three-quarters.

Or Af Shirinzadeh, who went from a $100-an-hour chiropractic job to part-time work as a docent in an Atlanta museum that features plasticized human cadavers.

Or welder Mark Sepeda, who had to move his family of six from a spacious home in Nevada's lush Carson Valley to a two-bedroom apartment when the Las Vegas building boom came to a screeching halt.

Or Paul Lechner, who, with a mixture of gratitude and dejection, accepted a job stocking shelves at a Super Target after two years and hundreds of applications failed to land him a position in advertising, the field for which he trained.

Yes, the stock markets have largely rebounded. Housing and car sales are back up. And though job creation can't quite keep up with new unemployment claims, the economy is growing again.

But, if "recovery" means getting back to where you were before things fell apart, many aren't even close. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Entertainment

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Lawyers question trial

Simpson's 2008 conviction called prejudicial payback

The racial makeup of the jury and the conduct of the judge who oversaw O.J. Simpson's conviction have emerged as key issues in the former football star's appeal for the Nevada Supreme Court to overturn his conviction in a gunpoint Las Vegas hotel room heist.

"Mr. Simpson really believed he was recovering his own property," Simpson attorney Yale Galanter told a three-justice panel hearing oral arguments in Las Vegas on Friday. "Our theory of defence was never put before the jury."

Clark County District Attorney David Roger called the September 2008 trial contentious but fair, and the sentences just. He urged the justices to deny both appeals.

After Galanter characterized Simpson's conviction as prejudicial "payback" for his 1994 double-murder acquittal, justices Michael Cherry, Mark Gibbons and Nancy Saitta posed pointed questions about whether convicted co-defendant Clarence "C.J." Stewart received a fair trial alongside Simpson.

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O.J. Simpson, centre, seen with his lawyers during his 2008 trial for kidnapping and armed robbery.

Both men were convicted of kidnapping, armed robbery, conspiracy and other crimes for what Simpson maintained was an attempt to retrieve family photos and mementoes. Four other men took plea deals and received probation after testifying for the prosecution.

Stewart's lawyer, Brent Bryson said a 2001 poll found 72 per cent of Americans believed O.J. Simpson was wrongly acquitted in the 1994 slayings of his ex-wife, Nicole Brown Simpson, and her friend Ron Goldman in Los Angeles.

Neither Simpson nor Stewart were in court for the oral appeals. Their attorneys previously lost a bid for their release from prison until their appeals are settled.

Simpson, an National Football League hall-of-famer, actor and advertising pitchman, is serving nine to 33 years at a state prison in the northern Nevada town of Lovelock. He turns 63 next month.
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Box office

Ticket sales for Friday, June 11, through Sunday, June 13, at U.S. and Canadian theatres, according to studio estimates:

1. **The Karate Kid:** $56 million US
2. **The A-Team:** $26 million
3. **Shrek Forever AFter:** $15.8 million
4. **Get Him to the Greek:** $10.1 million
5. **Killers:** $8.2 million
6. **Prince of Persia: The Sands of Time:** $6.6 million
7. **Marmaduke:** $6 million
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Be a City Slicker at Val Kilmer's ranch

A day at actor Val Kilmer's Pecos River Ranch in New Mexico will cost you, but organizers of the Santa Fe Film Festival say it's for a good cause. Festival co-executive director Michael Hare says Kilmer has agreed to help the festival raise money by offering up his northern New Mexico ranch. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Entertainment in brief

MUSIC Usher says he knew his latest song would be a hit in the clubs, but he didn't think that would translate into his own home. The singer told The Associated Press this week that he knew OMG would have "incredible energy" but adds: "Did I know that my children would love it at 1 and 2? I only hoped." The thumping dance tune is produced by will.i.am (wil eye am) and is his ninth No. 1 single. It's from his gold-selling album Raymond v. Raymond.

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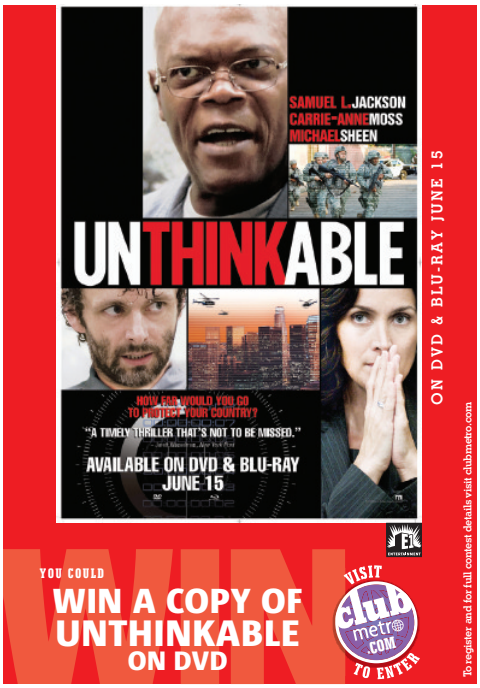
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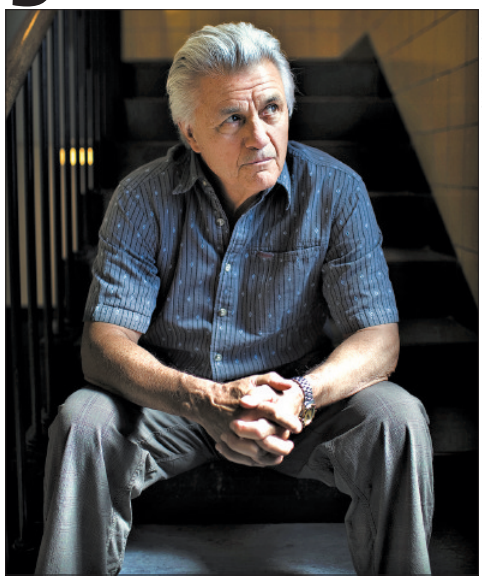
Irving gives life to fiction

Young Danny from Last Night in Twisted River has a lot in common with the writer of the book. But John Irving would rather not share his protagonist's fate.

Irving spoke to Metro about his latest novel and his career as a writer.



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John Irving gave the character Danny in his novel Last Night in Twisted River a similar background to his own.

Q When did you become a writer?

A There's an old essay that I wrote called Trying to save Piggy Sneed. It's about my grandmother and a garbage collector in the town where I grew up. He was killed in a fire on a farm. I worked in the fire department. It was a small town volunteer fire department. A lot of students in the town were volunteers because we thought it was exciting and a lot of fun.

One night the pig farm burned, and I found the body and had to take it out. That is about becoming a writer. The piece is about the desire to improve on that real story. The desire to somehow make the garbage man escape the fire. Or set a bigger fire that burns the whole town. The desire to make it either a better or a worse story. Because real-life stories don't have enough details, they don't make sense — they're just accidents.

Q Was there ever anything in your life you couldn't write about?

A No. In fact, I think that one of the reasons I am a fiction writer is that I've never been interested in memoirs.

Q Does it take time or can you write it right after it happens?

A It depends on what it is and how it has affected you. I think it's better to wait until it no longer agitates you.

Q Is the process Danny faces writing his novel similar to yours when writing Last Night in Twisted River?

A It's the third novel I've written where one of the main characters is a writer — the third of 12 — but in The World According to Garp and in A Widow for One Year I did not give Garp or Ruth my process as a writer. I did give that to Danny and I gave him my superficial biography — we were born at the same time, we go to the same schools, so that everything about Danny as writer, I faithfully modelled on my own history. But everything about Danny's life is not only not mine, but in some ways the opposite of mine. I feel that I've been very lucky and I purposely made Danny very unlucky.

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The Big Bang Theory

Sheldon and Koothrappali (Jim Parsons, Kunal Nayyar) attend a university mixer, where Sheldon helps his pathologically shy friend pick up girls. Back home, Leonard (Johnny Galecki) is upset to discover that Penny (Kaley Cuoco) believes in psychics in "The Psychic Vortex." 9:31 PM on CBS CTV

Wired for Sex, Lies and Power Trips: It's a Teen's World

Sex sells. That's nothing new. What is relatively new — and very disturbing — is the way sexuality is being sold to teenagers. In this documentary, filmmaker Lynn Glazier talks with three groups of teens about the sexual messages that they're getting from popular culture. What emerges is a worldview in which the lines between "sexy" and "sexual harassment" are blurred, and girls are confusing availability with empowerment. 7 PM on NW

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Million Dollar Etheridge
Melissa Etheridge joins the cast of the hit Broadway musical Million Dollar Quartet for a one-time jam session. The Oscar and Grammy-winning artist will perform an undisclosed song on June 23 during the show's finale. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The motorcycle diaries

With civil and family cases, Jesse James becoming frequent court figure

Jesse James is getting his day in court. Quite a few of them, actually.

The biker businessman and estranged husband of Sandra Bullock was a fixture in a Los Angeles courtroom last week, where he's involved in dueling lawsuits with an apparel manufacturer and distributor.

James, 41, is scheduled to testify and is expected to attend all the proceedings. The case, with millions of dollars on the line, is far from the only one involving James. It is, however, one that centres on his business rather than his personal life.

He is also embroiled in a custody dispute in neighbouring Orange County with his ex-wife, Janine Lindemulder. James had been expected to attend a hearing in that case this week, but it may be postponed.

There's also James' ongoing divorce from Bullock playing out in Austin, Texas. No proceedings have been scheduled in that case.

Bullock filed for divorce in April after several women claimed they had extramarital affairs with James. He apologized to Bullock, but he and his attorney have maintained the vast majority of the claims against James are untrue.

James is the owner of West Coast Choppers, a custom motorcycle shop in Long Beach, Calif. He also owns several other businesses and has cultivated his bike-making craftsmanship and tough-guy persona into several televisions shows, most recently Spike TV's Jesse James is a Dead Man.

Jesse James spent two days listening to jury selection, a rare move for a celebrity involved in a civil case.

The clothing dispute being heard in a downtown Los Angeles courtroom centres on a deal James and his companies made with Fortune Fashion Industries. The apparel company sued James in late 2007, claiming he had breached a contract that was worth millions of dollars to produce workwear.

James has denied the allegations and countersued Fortune Fashions, saying the company didn't disclose it didn't have experience creating that type of apparel.

He spent two days last week listening to jury selection, a rare exercise for a celebrity involved in a civil case. Often, stars involved in civil matters only appear in court when they testify.

James, dressed in workboots or other workshop attire, has opted to sit behind his attorneys so far during proceedings. While he had to listen to some potential jurors opine on his personal life, the subject is off-limits during the trial.

A judge on Friday asked Fortune Fashions' attorney to refrain from using the word "cheater" in his opening remarks, even though he intended it only in relations to James' business dealings.

Numerous celebrity reporters and photographers showed up Wednesday when jury selection began, but their numbers had dwindled by opening statements on Friday. The case is expected to last several weeks.

One courthouse where James won't be showing up anytime soon is the criminal one. A paparazzo accused James of vandalizing his car after cheating allegations surfaced, but prosecutors rejected filing charges.

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Final Twilight chapter split into 2 movies

Stewart

MOVIES Twilight fans will have twice as much to sink their teeth into for the saga's final chapter, with Breaking Dawn to be released as two movies.

Summit Entertainment, which is releasing the wildly popular vampire franchise based on Stephenie Meyer's books, said part one would come out Nov. 18, 2011. The script is being written now, with stars Kristen Stewart, Robert Pattinson and Taylor Lautner returning. Production is set to begin this fall.

Bill Condon, who won an Oscar for the screenplay of his 1999 film Gods and Monsters, will direct both movies. Condon also directed Dreamgirls and Kinsey and produced the 2009 Academy Awards ceremony with Hugh Jackman as host. The third film in the franchise, The Twilight Saga: Eclipse, comes out June 30.

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Mraz working to help end slavery in Ghana

PEOPLE While Shakira, the Black Eyed Peas and other top musicians are in Africa to help kick off the World Cup, singer Jason Mraz was on the continent for another reason: to help free slaves.

The 31-year-old Grammy winner was in Ghana this week with Free the Slaves, a non-profit organization whose mission is to "end slavery worldwide."

Mraz spent five days in the country, travelling with James Kofi Annan, a former child slave who used to work on fishing boats and had been enslaved for seven years.

Annan founded Challenging Heights, a school in Winneba where many of its students are former slaves. The children performed songs for Mraz.

Jason Mraz

The singer also travelled to a rescue shelter for slaves in the town of Atebubu and to Lake Volta, where many child slaves are working, said Peggy Callahan, the organization's co-founder and executive producer.

Callahan says she met Mraz through a mutual friend and she suggested he go to Ghana with her.

"The movement to end slavery really needs more voices, but they really need to be authentic voices, people who really do care about an issue," she said. "And Jason's one of those people, and he's willing to take the time to find out."

Mraz is the first celebrity to participate on the ground with the organization.

The pop singer is also busy working on the follow-up to his platinum-selling CD, 2008's We Sing. We Dance. We Steal Things. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Crawford officially charged
Chace Crawford was officially charged with possession of marijuana, a misdemeanor, after his arrest in a Texas parking lot last week, according to TMZ. If convicted, the Gossip Girl could face up to six months in jail. METRO WORLD NEWS

Celebrity Buzz

Jones' rough ride

PERHAPS SHE SHOULD CONSIDER ANOTHER MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION FOR NOW ON? Mad Men star January Jones had a rough ride home recently, reportedly striking several parked cars with her own car before stopping and leaving on foot, according to TMZ. Witnesses also claim Food Network star Bobby Flay, whom Jones had met earlier that evening, arrived on the scene and advised her to leave.

According to the LAPD, Jones was being pursued by paparazzi and was not intoxicated. "She wasn't under the influence of anything. No one got hurt. There is no investigation," a police spokesperson says.

METRO WORLD NEWS

Not getting married anytime soon: Cooper

WEDDING GOSSIP IS THE BEST PUBLICITY Despite a recent run-in with wedding gowns during a shopping spree and some time spent meeting each other's parents, Bradley Cooper and Renee Zellweger are not getting married anytime soon, their reps tell People magazine.

While the pair, who have reportedly been dating for almost a year, don't speak publicly about their relationship, Cooper has stated that he finds reading about his personal life "fascinating."

METRO WORLD NEWS

Pattinson gaining buzz for new film

HE MAY BE MORE THAN JUST A PRETTY VAMPIRE FACE Robert Pattinson may finally getting attention as an actor for something other than the Twilight franchise, as early Oscar buzz on his performance in Water for Elephants is already growing.

"It wouldn't surprise me at all if he were to receive an Oscar nod for this role," a source close to the film tells Hollywood Life. Even his Oscar-winning co-star, Christoph Waltz, is impressed.

"It's in my house," Watlz says of his own Oscar. "But the way things are looking, I might have to hand it off to Rob next year."

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COURTNEY LOVE is looking for tech support, **LINDSAY LOHAN** wants some time to herself, **CONAN O'BRIEN** survived his first music festival, and **JOHN STAMOS** is looking forward to his new job.

@CourtneyLoveUK well the hackers are now shutting me down anyone in nyc who can turn my html into jpegs i will pay you hourly

@lindsaylohan Can't paparazzi just disappear for one night? Just so I don't have severe anxiety? Its like, one night off- like work days and weekends!!!!

@ConanOBrien Our Bonnaroo shows are done, and I made it out unscathed. Well, except for my three henna tattoos and contact dermatitis.

@JohnStamos there's nowhere in the world i'd rather be than on GLEE next season

METRO NEWS SERVICES

Woods spotted with blond twice

FUELING THE FIRE? Tiger Woods turned heads recently when he hit the golf course with a gorgeous blond in his golf cart — while wife Elin Nordegren is on the other side of the world in China.

"They were chatting and obviously very comfortable with each other," a source tells Radar Online about the mystery woman. It was the second time Woods was spotted with the same woman. METRO WORLD NEWS

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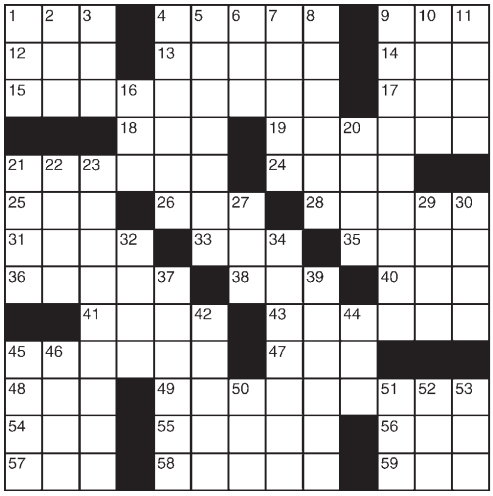

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Sudoku

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HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone – one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.

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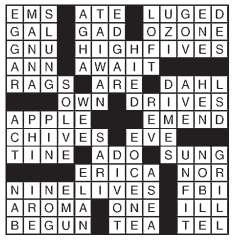

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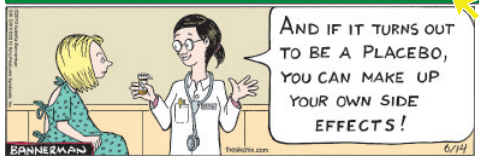

Metro Recipe of the Day

Italian Rice and Tuna Salad

INGREDIENTS:

1 1/2 cups cold water
1/2 tsp black pepper
1/2 cup uncooked long-grain white rice
1 large tomato, seeded and chopped
1 jar marinated artichoke hearts, drained and quartered
1/2 cup chopped green pepper
1/2 cup chopped red onion
1/4 cup sliced pitted black olives
1 tbsp drained capers, rinsed
1/3 cup lemon juice
1/4 cup water
3 tbsp olive or vegetable oil
1 can water-packed, chunk light tuna, rinsed, drained, and flaked
3 anchovies, drained, rinsed, and chopped

METHOD:

1. In medium pot, bring water and black pepper to boil. Stir in rice. Lower heat and simmer, covered, 20 minutes or until rice is tender. Drain and cool rice slightly. Fluff with fork.

2. In large bowl, combine warm rice, tomato, artichoke hearts, green pepper, onion, olives and capers. Pour lemon juice, water and oil over rice mixture. Fold in tuna and anchovies. Toss lightly. Cover; refrigerate 4 hours.

3. To serve, spoon salad onto plates lined with curly endive.

SERVES 4

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Horoscopes by Sally Brompton

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ARIES
MARCH 21-APRIL 20
This is potentially one of the most rewarding and romantic periods of the entire year — you certainly won't be short of interesting proposals!

TAURUS
APRIL 21-MAY 21
Slow down a bit and pay more attention to what is taking place in your immediate environment.

GEMINI
MAY 22-JUNE 21
If you sense that something is not quite right today you must act on what your instincts tell you.

CANCER
JUNE 22-JULY 22
Just because certain tactics worked in the past does not mean they will work in the future. Make a point of looking for unusual solutions.

LEO
JULY 23-AUG 23
Shy and retiring you most certainly are today you won't hesitate to let that special someone know just how much they mean to you.

VIRGO
AUG 24-SEPT 22
If you are not making progress towards your goals that you were hoping for then maybe you should ask yourself if your methods need improving.

LIBRA
SEPT 23-OCT 23
Let partners and colleagues know that you are a fully paid-up member of the team. There is no point being half-hearted about what you intend to do.

SCORPIO
OCT 24-NOV 22
Others will look up to you and follow you faithfully this week. That applies to all areas of your life but especially to your career.

SAGITTARIUS
NOV 23-DEC 21
Someone who is as different from you as it is possible to get will make a big impression on you today and it could be the start of a beautiful friendship.

CAPRICORN
DEC 22-JAN 20
Don't let your suspicions get the better of you today or you could miss out on an offer that will do you the world of good.

AQUARIUS
JAN 21-FEB 18
You must put your doubts and suspicions to one side and give loved ones the benefit of the doubt. What you do together will stand the test of time.

PISCES
FEB 19-MARCH 20
Think about ways you can make your life more rewarding and exciting. Changes to your working routine should be top of your list.

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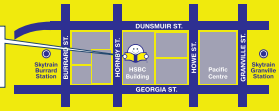

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